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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 829  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeff Lebo, Tennessee Tech University men's basketball coach, on his selection as Ohio Valley Conference "Coach of the Year."

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of those people who have contributed significantly to their profession; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Tennessee Tech University men's basketball coach Jeff Lebo, who has been deservedly recognized as the 1999-2000 Ohio Valley Conference "Coach of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, during his brief two-year tenure the Golden Eagles have experienced a dramatic turnaround, both in the areas of team competitiveness and recruiting; and

WHEREAS, in Coach Lebo's first season, Tennessee Tech finished only one game out of third place in the highly competitive OVC race; and

WHEREAS, his 1999-2000 squad finished a solid third in the Ohio Valley Conference title race with a 16-11 record, marking just the fourth time in the past 35 years that the Golden Eagles have posted so many wins; and

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WHEREAS, the Golden Eagles also set a new school record for most conference victories with 11 en route to the school's seventh best record in school history; and

WHEREAS, an Academic All-American player and team captain at the University of North Carolina, Lebo's impeccable coaching credentials include his previous stunts as an assistant coach at South Carolina, Vanderbilt University, and East Carolina, where he was widely respected by his peers in the coaching professions; and

WHEREAS, his first two seasons as head coach leave little doubt that he has the savvy and the intelligence to transfer his legacy of past success into a promising future; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to honor this outstanding coach; and, moreover to recognize and honor his three assistant coaches, John Shulman, Dave Lebo, and Tracy Garrick; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Coach Jeff Lebo on his selection as Ohio Valley Conference "Coach of the Year" and wish him and his staff much future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.